

P>**Title:** Made references to the passing away of Shri Harinath Misra, member of Seventh Lok Sabha on 17 December, 1998.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Harinath Misra.

Shri Harinath Misra was a member of Seventh Lok Sabha representing Darbhanga Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar during 1980-84.

Earlier, Shri Misra was a member of Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1946 to 1977. He served with distinction the State of Bihar as Cabinet Minister from 1952 to 1957 and from 1962 to 1967. He also held the Office of Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1977.

Shri Misra was Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development during 1983-84 and Minister of Irrigation and Planning during 1984.

Shri Misra took part in the freedom struggle and actively participated in the 'Quit India Movement' in 1942 and suffered imprisonment.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Misra lost no opportunity to draw the attention of the House to the problems faced by the weaker sections of the society. He made valuable contributions in the House and in the Committee of Privileges during his Chairmanship of the Privileges Committee from 1980 to 1983.

Shri Harinath Misra passed away on 17 December, 1998 at Patna, Bihar at the age of 81.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)
